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EXCERPT

Drew Pearson at 6:30 P.M. over WTOP (Washington) and various other stations throughout the country:

"This is Drew Pearson in Athens, Greece. I'll be back in a minute with a report on the Syrian crisis and the latest inside news from the Balkans and the Near East.

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"First, the latest inside news from Damascus. Here is what the United States is really worried about in Syria, namely, the repetition of the Korean War.

"Allen Dulles, head of CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, has warned there is grave danger the Russians may start a Near East war using satellite volunteer armies just as they did in Korea. Syria has a network of spies and agents all through the desert kingdom of Jordan and Lebanon, while Egypt has infiltrated from the south. These agents are working to take over Jordan, thereby putting Soviet influence one step nearer the great oil fields of Arabia.

"Once located in Jordan, they would also control the holy places where Christ was born in Bethlehem and where he was buried in Jerusalem. They would also be in a position to push into Israel. This is what Loy Henderson reported to John Foster Dulles after his trip to the Near East. He predicted that both Jordan and Lebanon would be overthrown by red agents working for the Syrian network unless the United States intervened."